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[Despatch Abstract.]

GRAZING - Concessions in draught affected areas - Continuance - Orders - Passed.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
ABSTRACT
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GRAZING - Concessions in drought affected areas - Continuance - Orders passed:

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Development Department
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G.O.Ms.No.889. Dated the 26th February 1953, Read the following:-

Memorandum No.78112.CII/52-2, dated 21-7-52:

From the Chief Conservator of Forests No.Rc.B.1. 1260/52, dated the 13th August 1952:

From the Board of Revenue Ref.X.150/52-5, dated the 19th August 1952:

From the Chief Conservator of Forest No.15575/52.C.1, dated the 19th September 1952:

From the Chief Conservator of Forests No.15575/52.C.1., dated the 25th November 1952:

From the Board of Revenue, Ref.X. 150/52-12, dated the 3rd January 1953:

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O R D E R:

On receipt of representation for permitting free grazing in the Reserved Forests in drought affected areas in the districts of Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur, Bellary, Chittoor, Nellore and Guntur and North Arcot, the Government ordered in their memorandum first read above, not to collect any grazing fees in the famine affected areas in the above districts pending the issue of final orders in the matter. The matter was further examined in consultation with the Collectors of the above districts, the Chief Conservator of Forests and the Board of Revenue. The Government consider that free grazing and free removal of fodder leaves etc., should be permitted in these famine-affected areas, till the setting in of the next S.W. Monsoon. The Board of Revenue is therefore directed to instruct the Collectors concerned to extend the grazing concessions contemplated under the General Rules to regulate the grazing of Cattle in Govern ent forests in times of drought, printed on p.64 of the Madras Forest Manual Volume I, in the areas under reference until the setting in the next S.W.Monsoon and not to collect any grazing fees in these areas.

2. The Chief Conservator of Forests and the Board of Revenue have pointed out that there is no provision in the rules to collect proportionate grazing fees for part of a year and have proposed that sanction may be accorded, as a special case, to the collection of fees proportionate to the period for which the permits are issued in order to make the concessions granted in these areas really beneficial to the ryot. This proposal has been

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examined and in as much as the concessions granted do not cover the whole grazing year in certain areas, the Government direct that in such areas where free grazing has been permitted only for part of the grazing year, proportionate grazing fee be collected according to the period for which free grazing concessions have been allowed in the respective areas. Where the free grazing concessions have been in force for the entire grazing year, however, no grazing fees should be collected during the entire year.

(By Order of the Governor)

S. ARULDOSS,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Conservator of Forest.
To the Board of Revenue.
To the Accountant General through Finance.

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Development (GII)

SUMMARY

1. In July last, certain M.L.As., from Rayalaseema represented to M(Agri), that Inerikonda and Ganavaram forests in Markapur taluk, Kurnool district which are closed for grazing during July and August may be thrown open for grazing during these months in the current year due to scarcity conditions, that no grazing fees s ould be collected during 1952-53 in these areas and the concessions asked for above may be made to apply to all taluks of Rayalaseema where scarcity conditions existed. Please see also orders of M(Agri) at p.4. above.

2. The C.C.F.'s remarks on these representations were called for in the memo at p.15 c.f. He was also asked to issue immediate instruction to his subordinates not to collect any grazing fees in the famine affected areas pending the issue of final orders by the Government in the matter and to see that the instructions reach his subordinates immediately in view of the complaints received by the Government. that forest staff have been collecting grazing fees even after the forests have been thrown open for free grazing by the concerned Collectors. The C.C.F. reported that undr the General Rules to regulate the grazing of cattle in Govt. forests in time of draught printed as p.96 of the Madras Forest Manual, Vol.I., the Collector of the Districts concerned are empowered to throw open the forests for free grazing with the concurrence of the C.C.F. and that he has no objection to the grant of such concessions in the famine affected areas for such periods as conditions warrant. He also reported that instructions had been issued to his subordinates with reference to "A" above.

In the memo at p.17 c.f. the Collectors of Cuddapah , Kurnool, Anantapur, Bellary, Chittoor, Nellore and Guntur were asked to take action in the matter as provided in the rules and to report

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Government the area where free grazing was allowed in each of the above districts. The concessions granted in each district are noted below:-

Cuddapah:

Concessions of free grazing, free penning of cattle and free removal of hill grass by cattle loads have been granted in Cuddapah Reserved Forests upto 30-6-53.

Kurnool:

The draught affected taluks of Markapur, Gumsum, Koilkuntla and Banganapalle sub taluk were thrown open for free cutting and removal of grass and for free grazing of cattle upto 30-9-52. These concessions were also granted in all villages of Dhone and Pattikonda taluks upto 31-12.1952

Anantapur:

The R.Fs . throughout the district were thrown open for free grazing till 30-9-52.

Bellary:

All the reserves and Panchayat forests in the taluks of Bellary, Hayadrug, Kudligi, Hospet, Harpanahalli, Kodagalli and Sandur (except the R.Fs. in Sandur Taluk) have been thrown open for free grazing and for free cutting of edible leaves upto 30-6-53.

Chittoor:

Lopping and removal of leaf fodder has been permitted free of charges from all the Government forests in the district upto 31-12-52, subject to certain conditions.

Nellore:

All Reserved forests have been thrown open for free grazing upto 31-12-1952.

grazing fees may be charged during the current year according to the period for which free grazing concessions have been allowed in the respective districts. Revenue, and Finance have agreed to this proposal. The case may now be circulated for approval of the above proposal.

The notes from p.25 above may be perused. The proposal at 'A' Above may be approved.

C.R. 12-11-52. R.J. 12-11-52.

Please kindly discuss with me.

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14-11-1952

Discussed which are the districts when it is proposed to collect grazing fees on proportionate basis. What are the areas where free Grazing in '52-53' is allowed?

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14-11-52.

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A draft memo with C.C. F. is submitted below for approval.

C.R.

18-11-52

/Memo No.78112.C.II/52-13,d/15-11-52/
From the C.C. F.No.15575-152.C.I,d/25-11-52

With ereference to M(Agri)'s querry above, attention is invited to the statement furnished by the C.C.F. at pp.59-60 c.r. The areas where free grazing has been permitted during 1952-53, the period for which the concession has been allowed and the normal grazing period in the respective areas are given in the statement.

For Orders on A on p. 28 ante.

C.R.
26-11-52

S.A.
28-11-52.

reported that action will be taken by them to extent the concessions further, if found necessary. No further action is therefore called for in the matter, as the Collectors themselves have got the powers to extend these concessions wherever necessary with the concurrence of the Chief Conservator of Forests.

The M.L.As. referred to at p.1. here have requested that no grazing fees should be collected for the entire year 1952-53 in the famine affected areas in Rayalaseema. The Collector of Kurnool has pointed out that there is no provision to collect proportionate grazing fees for a portion of a year, that under the rules full fees have to be collected on any grazing permit even if it is issued for the portion of the year and that hence the concession granted upto 1-10-1952 will tantamount, in practice, to a postponement of the collection of grazing fees especially in the case of cattle that habitually resort to the Reserved Forests for grazing purposes. He has therefore requested that as a special case, he may be permitted to collect proportionate grazing fees for six months i.e., from 1-10-1952 to 31-3-1953 on all the grazing permits issued on or from 1-10-1952. This implies that grazing permitted upto 30-9-52 will be free of charge. The Board has agreed with the Collector of Kurnool. The Chief Conservator of Forest has stated that although the grazing fees is very low, and they levy of full grazing fee calls for no reduction, he has no objection to agreeing to the proposal above to afford a special relief measure if Government are prepared to forego the revenue. He has also stated that the concession will then have to be extended to the draught affected taluks of not only Kurnool district but also to the districts of Cuddapah, Anantapur, Bellary, Chittoor, Nellore and Guntur. He has reported that assuming that the that the concession proposed may apply to all the districts referred to above, to the extent of 50% of the annual collection of grazing fees, the loss of revenue on account of the concession will be about Rs.1,18,835/-

As grazing year is from July-June in some districts and April to [illegible] this Department proposed that a proportionate rate of

Please state also in which of the areas mentioned on page 59-60 SW Monsoon has been a failure and how the N.E. Monsoon has been faring and whether C.C.F. thinks there is ~~sufficient~~ fodder for the Cattle in the areas till next S.W. Monsoon.

R.N.
28-11-52.

A draft memo is submitted below for approval.

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30-11-52.

(Memo No.78112.C.II/52-14,d/3-12-52)

From the C.C.F.No.15575/52-C.1-1, d/12-12-52

(Memo No.78112.C.II/52-16,d/15-12-52)

From the Bd.of Rev. -1750, 52-12, d/3-1-53:

With reference to orders of M(Agri) above, attention is invited to the Bd's reference at p.69 c.f.

It is reported that the South West Monsoon was a failure in all the areas referred to -- p.59-60 c.f. These areas were not also benefitted by the N.E.Monsoon upto the end of Nov. the rains later in Novr. and in Decr. benefitted NorthArcot, Chittoor, Nellore and Guntur districts and to a small extent the other districts also. The Bd.has however stated that it cannot be said that in all the areas, including those where there have been rains, the portions in regard to fodder has eased to such an extent as to dispense with the concessions of free grazing facilities, altogether though it may not be necessary for the Govt. to start fodder ~~operations~~ operations.

Orders are requested reported on 'A' at p. 28 above.

Ref.M(Agri)'s minutes on p.29. above.

S.W.Monsoon had also failed in the areas mentioned in Col.2 of the statement in C.C's letter on pp.59-60 c.f. These areas were not benefitted by N. W.Monsoon till late in November These rains only eased the fodder difficulty to some extent, ~~but not to the extent~~ but not to the extent of dispensing with free grazing concession.

The periods upto which this concession has been extended are given in Col.3 of the Statement on pp.59-60 c.f. and the Collrs. of the Dts. are empowered to extend the concession wherein necessary according to local conditions.

A. on p.28 above may be approved.

C.R.
7-1-53.

B.J.
7-1-53.

Since there will be no fodder till next S.W.Monsoon it is necessary that concessions are allowed till then.

R.N
8-1-53.

Dev. (CII) Dept.

Orders at P.30 above

The areas in which the Forests were thrown open for free grazing owing to drought conditions by the Collr. with the concurrence of the C.C.F., are shown at pp.59-60 c.f. The period during which free grazing was permitted in the respecitve areas also shown therein. M(Agri) has ordered that free grazing should be allowed till next S.W. monsoon. Though the Collectors are empowered. under the rules. to extend these concessions wherever necessary, it seems to be the intention of M(Agri) that specific instructions should be issued to the Collrs. to extent the concessions in the area referred to above till next S.W. monsoon, subject to ... draft memo is submitted below for approval. Fin. may see after issue.

It is pointed out in this connection that grazing fees are collected for the entire year and there is not provision in the rules for collection of grazing fees for part of a year. Besides, the grazing year in some places is from July to June and in some other places it is from April to March. From the Stt. at pp.59-60 c.f., it will be seen that the free grazing concessions have been granted in different areas with effect from different dates. Where the concessions are in force for the full grazing year in that area. the ryots will enjoy the benefit of the concessins for the full year. But when the concession is granted only for a

part of a year, the ryots will not in effect enjoy the benefit of this concession since when they take out a permit in the same year during the period which is not covered by the concession, they will have to pay the prescribed grazing fee which is for a full year. In order to avoid this ~~anomaly~~ hardship, it has been suggested at 'A' on p.28 above, that as a special case, proportionate grazing fee may be collected during the current year according to the period for which free grazing concessions have been allowed in the respective area, as recommended by the Board of Revenue and the Chief Conservator of Forests. For orders whether the above proposal will be accepted.

May be circulated to M(Agri) again for orders whether A above will also be approved.

C.R.
15-1-53.

A. may be approved

B.J.
16-1-53.

Please prepare a Statement to show in statement at pages 59-60 The periods for which it is proposed to collect Grazing fees.

K.N.
20-1-53.

Dev. (CII)Dept.

A Statement is submitted below with reference to the orders of M(Agrl.)at p.32. above:

Division.	Areas where free grazing has been allowed during 1952-53	Date from which the concessions has been allowed.	Normal grazing period.
1.	2.	3.	4.
Anantapur	All Taluks	1-7-1952	1st July to 30th June.
Kurnool	Markapur, Cumbum and Koilkuntla Taluks and Bangamapalli Sub-Taluk.	January 1952	1st April to 31st March.
	Dhone Pattikonda, Nandyal and Sirvel Taluks.	September 1952	

1.	2.	3.	4.
Cuddapah	All Taluks	December 1951	1st July to 30th June.
Bellary	Rayadrug, Bellary, Hospet, Kudligi, Hadagalli, Harpanahalli and Sandur Tks.	1st week of October 1952.	1st April to 31st March (for Panchayat forests 1st july to 30th June).
Guntur	Vinukonda Taluk (3 Reserved Forests)	April 1952	1st July to 30th June.
	Palnad Taluk (11 Reserved Forest)	September 1952	
	Narasaraopet Taluk (8 Reserved Forests)	October 1952	
Chittoor	All Taluks	February 1952	1st July to 30th June.
Nellore.	Udayagiri, Kanigiri Darsi, Podli, Venkatagiri, Atmakur, Kavali Sulurpet and Kandukur.	1-5-1952	1st April to 31st March.
	Rapur Taluk	November 1952	
North Arcot.	All Taluks	September 1952.	1st July to 30th June.

It is proposed to grant the concession till thenext South West Monsoon seas in - vide Orders of M(Agri) at p.30 above.

In the Dts. of Anantapur, Cuddapah, Guntur Chitteor and N. Arcot, the grazing year is from 1st July to 30th June. For the Panchayat forests in Bellary districts also. the grazing year is from 1st July to 30th June. In the other district, viz. Kurnool Nellore and Bellary (R.Fs. the grazing year is from 1st April to 31st March.

In Anantapur, Cuddapah, Chittoor and Vinukonda taluks in Guntur District, the concession commences on or before 1-7-52 and it is proposed to extend the concession till the setting in of the S.W.Monsoon, i.e. till June-July 1953. Thus the concession will cover the entire grazing year

1-7-52 to 30-6-53 and hence the question of collecting proportionate grazing fees during the current year in these areas does not arise. This question may arise next year, as it is proposed to extend the concession for a few months in the coming year also.

In Markapur, Cumbum, Kollikunta taluks and Banganapalle sub taluk in Kurnool District where the grazing year is reckoned from 1st April to 31st March, the concession has been in force from 1-4-52 (or earlier) and will continue beyond 31-3-53 and hence the question of collecting proportionate grazing fees during the current grazing year in these areas does not arise. But the question may arise during the next grazing year.

In Rayadrug, Bellary, Hospet, Kudligi, Hadagalli, Harpanahalli and Sandur taluks in Bellary District where the grazing year is from April to March in R.Fs. and from July to June in Panchayat forests, the concession has been granted only from October 1952 and hence those who have taken out permits on payment of usual grazing fees during the year, prior to October 1952, will not be benefitted by the concession as they would have paid the full grazing fee amount for the entire grazing year according to rules. Similarly, in Palnad and Narasaraopet taluk of Guntur District Nellore and North Arcot Districts also those who have taken permits prior to the commencement of the concession during the year. will not be benefitted by the concession.

It may also be pointed in this connection that in Memo No.78112.CII/52-2 D/31-7-52, the C.C.F. has been asked not to collect any grazing fees in the famine affected areas until final orders of the Govt.

Orders on A. on p.32 ante. may be obtained in circulation.

C.R.
28-1-53.

A on p.32 ante may be approved.
B.J.
28-1-53.

Please discuss.

K.N.G.
2-2-53.

Discussed 'A' approved. No grazing fees to be collected from famine affected areas.

K.N.G.
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A revised draft is put up below for approval. W.r.t. orders above. Rev. and Fin. may see before issue.

C.R.
19-2-53.

To A.S.

The draft order below may be perused and the file may be passed on to Fin.

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23-2-53

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23-2-53.

Fin./Accts./Dept.

(Prev. Fin. note on pp. 22-23 above)

The orders in circulation on p.35 above may be perused and the draft order accepted.

J.A.A.
25-2-53

Development(CII)Dept.

The draft order below which has been accepted by Rev. & Fin. may now issue.

C.R.
xx-2-53.

/True Copy/

SUPERINTENDENT.

Mrs.Jini.10/11.

Examined by
Read by
21.11.53